

## LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Cattle numbers on Minnesota farms on January 1, 2003, decreased by 3% from the January 1, 2002 inventory. Minnesota's 2002 calf crop at 880,000 was down 1% from 2001. Meanwhile, sheep and lambs were down 9% from January 1, 2002. The inventory of all hogs on December 1, 2002, was up 3% from a year earlier. Farrowings at 1,060,000 in 2002 were unchanged from the previous year. A crop of 9,409,000 pigs was produced in the state during 2002, down 1% from 2001. The average annual litter rate of 8.88 was down from 9.00 in 2001. All chickens on farms were down 7% from a year earlier.

The combined value of all livestock and poultry on Minnesota farms was \$2.4 billion at the end of 2002. All cattle and calves, valued at \$1.9 billion, were down 7% from a year earlier. The value of hogs on hand on December 1, 2002, accounted for \$502 million, down 4%; all sheep and lambs, \$14.2 million, down 5%; and all chickens, \$19 million, down 24%.

Cattle operations were the same as last year while hog operations were down 300. Operations with milk cows decreased 600 and beef cows remained the same. All sheep operations were down 100.



### LIVESTOCK: January 1 Inventory, Minnesota, 1999-2003

| Year | All Cattle | Cattle on Feed | Milk Cows         | Beef Cows | Hogs 1/ | All Sheep |
|------|------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
|      |            |                | <u>1,000 Head</u> |           |         |           |
| 1999 | 2,500      | 270            | 545               | 385       | 5,700   | 175       |
| 2000 | 2,550      | 285            | 540               | 400       | 5,500   | 165       |
| 2001 | 2,550      | 290            | 520               | 410       | 5,800   | 170       |
| 2002 | 2,550      | 270            | 500               | 410       | 5,700   | 160       |
| 2003 | 2,470      | 270            | 480               | 400       | 6,000   | 145       |

1/ Inventory as of December 1 previous year.

### LIVESTOCK: Number of Operations, Minnesota, 1998-2002 1/

| Year | Number of Operations With: |           |                   |       |           |
|------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|-----------|
|      | All Cattle                 | Milk Cows | Beef Cows         | Hogs  | All Sheep |
|      |                            |           | <u>Operations</u> |       |           |
| 1998 | 31,000                     | 9,700     | 15,800            | 8,500 | 2,600     |
| 1999 | 30,000                     | 9,100     | 15,800            | 7,500 | 2,700     |
| 2000 | 30,000                     | 8,500     | 15,800            | 7,300 | 2,600     |
| 2001 | 29,000                     | 7,800     | 15,500            | 6,500 | 2,400     |
| 2002 | 29,000                     | 7,200     | 15,500            | 6,200 | 2,300     |

1/ An operation is any farm having one or more head of livestock on hand at any time during the year. Addition may exceed total farms in the state.